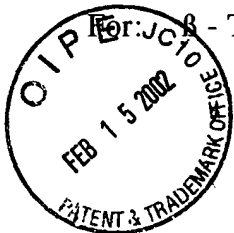


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RENE C. GADREAU et al. : Group Art Unit: 1621  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application prior to examination on the merits in the manner set forth below:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, immediately following the Title of the Invention insert the following new paragraph: The subject patent application claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/171,615 filed on December 23, 1999.

**REMARKS**

By the subject Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended the Specification to include reference to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/171,615. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the Specification by the subject.

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